

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application, in light of the present amendment and following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-17 are pending. Claims 1-17 represent broader versions of original Claims 1-34, and are supported by the original specification. The specification has been amended to obviate minor informalities and to include priority information. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added by this amendment.

Consequently, in view of the foregoing discussion and present amendment, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for examination. An early and favorable action is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

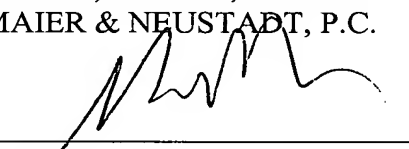
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